

**Middletown Public Schools**

**Middletown, Rhode Island**

**Monday, February 23, 2015**

**BUDGET WORKSHOP**

**Michael S. Pinto Conference Room**

**Members Present:**

**Theresa Spengler, Chair**

**Kellie DiPalma Simeone, Vice-Chair**

**Douglas Arnold**

**Liana F. Fenton**

**William O'Connell**

**Also Present:**

**Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Superintendent of Schools**

**Linda Savastano, Assistant Superintendent**

**Raquel Pellerin, Business Manager**

**Lynne Dible, Finance Director**

**Antone Viveiros, Town Council Member**

**The Budget Workshop was called to order at 5:04 p.m. by Chair Theresa Spengler.**

**School Impact Fees – The Kaestle Boos study confirmed that the Middletown elementary facilities are undersized. There were two options presented in that report; the first is to build a new school and the second option is to put on additions. Administration would like to go forward and explore adding on to elementary schools. If we get approval from the Town Council and the request meets the benchmark of a “compelling” reason, we can go forward with the plan. State Housing Aid would be available to help with these projects. If approved, the Facilities Advisory Committee would need to be reconstituted.**

**Aquidneck School – Mrs. Michelle Fonseca, Principal, discussed the Aquidneck School budget. The primary goal is to increase student achievement in all core areas, especially reading. Mrs. Fonseca would like to see the number of students achieve the targeted growth in reading and have the 3rd graders move to Gaudet School reading on grade level.**

**There are currently 396 students. It could be necessary to add a teacher at Grade 1. It currently looks like there will only be a need for four Grade 3 teachers instead of five.**

**The population at Aquidneck School is 25% free and reduced lunch and 18% with IEPs. There are 9 students have with 504 plans and there are 19 ELL students. The main concern is the 102 students, or 26%, with Personal Literacy Plans. Aquidneck School anticipates a**

**reduction of 2.5 special education teacher assistants. Aquidneck School could utilize a reading specialist.**

**Budget Needs for 2015-16:**

- 1 full-time literacy support person**
- Continue after school and summer intervention supports**
- Purchase resources to support Common Core State Standards curriculum implementation**
- Add Grade 1 teacher and decrease grade 3 teacher**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. To adjourn from Budget Workshop at 6:00 p.m. Unanimous vote.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Superintendent**

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**SPECIAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING**

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### **Members Present:**

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### **Also Present:**

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**Raquel Pellerin, Business Manager**

**The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. Administrative staff members present were Gail Abromitis, Donna Chelf, Michelle Fonseca, Stephen Ponte, and Linda Beaupre,**

## **INFORMATION**

**Mrs. Kraeger noted the following items of information:**

- Zoning information regarding land abutting our property.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Email from Christopher Cobleigh, Assistant Executive Director, NEARI, notifying the School Committee that the Middletown Association of Auxiliary Personnel (NEARI) wishes to meet for the purpose of negotiating a successor agreement to the current contract, which expires August 31, 2015.**

**MOTION: 1)Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. To receive the Correspondence. Unanimous vote.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. To approve the Consent Agenda. Unanimous vote.**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON PERSONNEL**

### **APPOINTMENT EFFECTIVE MARCH 2, 2015**

**Peter Anderson, Jr. Director of Facilities Management/Transportation and Safety**

### **APPOINTMENT EFFECTIVE MARCH 9, 2015**

**Beth Hayes Principal, J.H. Gaudet School**

## **RESCIND APPOINTMENT**

**Tara Mellow From Aquidneck School, Grade 1, back to Forest Avenue School, Grade 2**

## **WINTER COACHING APPOINTMENT AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2014**

**Maria Brown Coed Assistant Varsity Swim**

**Robert Lendrum Volunteer Boys' Basketball**

**Mrs. Kraeger introduced Mr. Anderson and Mrs. Hayes and said we were fortunate to find two highly qualified individuals at this time of the school year. She thanked the facilities staff for all their work in the interim.**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **COLLECTIVE COMMITMENTS POLICY – 2nd READING**

**MOTION: 1)Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the Collective Commitments Policy – 2nd Reading. Unanimous vote.**

### **ASSESSMENT POLICY – 2nd READING**

**MOTION: 1)Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the Assessment Policy – 2nd Reading. Unanimous vote.**

#### **TEN 80 CLUB ADVISOR POLICY – 2nd READING**

**MOTION: 1)Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the Ten 80 Club Advisor Policy – 2nd Reading. Unanimous vote.**

#### **HOME SCHOOLING**

**MOTION: 1) Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve Home Schooling 14-15-16. Unanimous vote.**

#### **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

**These reports will be deferred to the March School Committee Meeting.**

#### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

**No Reports of Officers and Committees.**

#### **ADJOURN FROM MEETING**

**MOTION: 1)Kellie DiPalma Simeone, 2) Liana Fenton. To adjourn from School Committee Meeting at 5:15. Unanimous vote.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**

**Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Chair**